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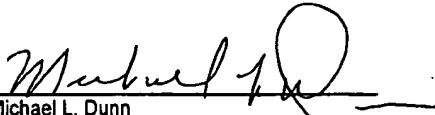
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Honorable Sir:

This is in reply to the Examiner's Answer of December 13, 2005.

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner has stated that he does not agree with the Appellant's statement that the claims "do not stand or fall together" because "reasons or arguments are not set forth to support patentability of each individual claim" and "Only a general statement mentioning some additional limitations without respect to specific claim numbers is